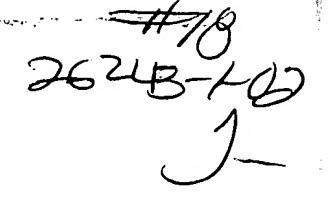
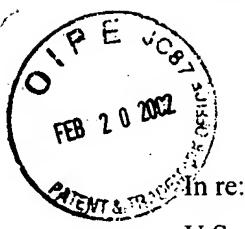
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RESPONSE

This Response is filed to reply to the Office Action dated November 28, 2001, which provides for a response period ending February 28, 2002.

REMARKS

Status Of Application

Claims 9-22, 25-27, 33-35, 37-41, and 56-59 were pending in the application. The status of the claims is as follows: